

SENATE RESOLUTION 90

By Harris

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Chickasaw Council, Boy Scouts of America, on their centennial anniversary.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Council, Boy Scouts of America, is celebrating 100 years of Scouting; and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Council was founded in 1916 to serve troops in the Memphis area; today, the Council serves not only Shelby County but also parts of northwest Mississippi and eastern Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Council formed its first African-American troop in 1928 and became a national leader in the integration of Scouting; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, the Chickasaw Council was commended by the Boy Scouts of America for having 1,000 African-American Scouts in its membership, and for setting an outstanding example for other Councils; and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Council has always emphasized the importance of community service; during World War I, Memphis Troop 22 sold the most Liberty Bonds in the entire country; Scouts distributed food and clothing to needy families during the Great Depression; thousands of pounds of waste paper were collected during World War II; and in 2010, Scouts collected 60,000 pounds of food for the hungry in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, today, with 7,460 active Scouts, the Chickasaw Council, Boy Scouts of America, has a long legacy of serving youth and maintaining the highest standard of American ideals; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize and honor this outstanding organization; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend the Chickasaw Council, Boy Scouts of America, on the celebration of their centennial anniversary, and we wish them much success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.